

ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* HARVESTING WHEAT, OATS , HAY AND IRRIGATING CORN, RICE

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RELEASED: August 30, 1999 3:00 p.m.. Temperatures remained well above average for the week. Some areas received welcomed rainfall last week, but not enough to end the drought conditions. Eastern Arkansas received little if any rain. Irrigated crops were reported in good condition, but dryland crop conditions declined according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 7.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 50 percent very short, 41 percent short, 8 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included finishing harvesting hay and planning for fall pastures, irrigating corn, soybeans, sorghum, and cotton, and fertilizing cotton, rice, and warm season forage, brush hogging, starting corn, sorghum, pea, and rice harvesting, getting fields ready for wheat planting, scouting for and treating webworms in soybeans.

CROPS: Spraying of cotton for insects were reported in the state. Herbicide applications to soybean fields were also reported. Tree fruit and small fruits were being harvested throughout the state. Melons were also being harvested throughout the state.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were reported in fair condition, but the hot and humid weather and lack of grazing was causing deaths in poultry and livestock. Cattle producers continued to market cattle, wean calves, and pregnancy check spring bred cows. Cattle were given Brucellosis vaccinations, treated for external parasites for summer insect control by dusting and ear tagging cattle.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM				2	12	39	39	8
Headed	100	100	100					
Turning Color	93	78	82					
Mature	53	38	34					
Harvested	10	20	17					
COTTON				0	10	31	43	16
Bolls Opening	42	29	20					
RICE				1	3	25	48	23
Headed	98	94	97					
Harvested	5	5	6					
SOYBEANS				7	16	32	33	12
Blooming	99	94	95					
Setting Pods	88	80	80					
Shedding	5	3	4					
CORN				0	2	26	52	20
Harvested	42	47	30					
ALFALFA				10	20	45	25	0
OTH. HAY				15	35	36	14	0
PASTURE				22	39	31	8	0

¹Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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